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TITLE TO OSS RECORDS WENT TO STATE AND WAR DEPARTMENTS, 1 OCTOBER 1945:

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OSS was abolished by Executive Order, dated September 20, 1945, effective October 1, 1945. The Research and Analysis and Presentation Branches (the latter concerned with preparation of charts, visual aids and the like) [along with records of those 2 branches and records of "other functions" which "relate" (?) to those 2 branches] were transferred to the State Department and the remaining portions [including "all" records not transferred to State, War] transferred, under the name of Strategic Services Unit, to the War Department. Brig. Gen. John Magruder was appointed by the Secretary of War to be Director of SSU with the following instructions: "Subject to the authority of and policies determined by the Assistant Secretary of War, and such persons as he may designate, you will continue the program of liquidation of those activities and personnel so transferred which are no longer necessary or desirable, and preserve as a unit such of these functions and facilities as are valuable for permanent peacetime purposes, or which may be required by Theater Commanders or occupational authorities to assist in the discharge of their responsibilities." The Assistant Secretary of War in a memorandum dated September 26, 1945, instructed Gen. Magruder to the same effect.

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